

# THE PALATKA NEWS AND ADVERTISER

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## TO THE PUBLIC.

The Palatka News comes to you as a result of the amalgamation of two successful papers—the Crescent City News and the Palatka Advertiser. Mr. Russell, editor and proprietor of the first named paper, associated with Mr. Vickers, for several years a successful job printer of Palatka, constitute the new firm of publishers. Mr. Wattles, for nine years editor of the Advertiser, has retired from the newspaper field. The new paper (for it is in a sense new) starts out with bright prospects. It is assured of a thorough reading throughout the county by reason of its inherited list of subscribers. The merchants are already assuring it of a liberal advertising support. The prospects look bright, and the publishers feel that a full realization of their hopes rests largely with themselves.

It is too early to formulate other than a skeleton policy and this can be stated in a few words. The paper means to speak for the right as it sees it. It will not go into the "trimming" business on an extensive scale. The paper was not established solely for the public good. There was a modicum of selfishness in its conception which had possibly better be confessed now in order to avoid confusion later. It was started as a business venture, and to eliminate all selfishness from a business venture is tantamount to the damnation of any infant industry. This one will probably get its full share later in life, anyway, if it keeps to its purpose to speak for the right.

The members of the new partnership are imbued with a sense of grave responsibility. They believe that the public press may be the means of doing some good. They know it can, and frequently does, exert a vast power for evil. That they may be the means through the News, of accomplishing some of the former, and that they may be withheld from exercising any of the latter, is their earnest desire. They feel, too, that in advocating those measures which conduce to the moral and material upbuilding of the community they will best serve themselves.

## SAD ENDING FOR SAMPSON.

"My dear husband is quite worn out with a long life of concentrated duty. Physically he is comfortable and happy, but the brain is tired beyond ever being rested."

Thus writes the wife of Admiral Sampson to a friend of her husband's, and in those few lines she has summed up the results of a case whose pitiful aspects must appeal to the sympathies of a people who have never refused sympathy and have ever bestowed honor where honor was due. The legal and academic points of the case have been settled to the lasting shame of the principles of justice, as justice is understood by the people of this country. The case has been taken out of the hands of the incompetent, prejudiced and jealous authorities, and has been settled in accordance with the merits which the results of the battle of Santiago warranted, by the court of public opinion from whose decision there is no appeal. It now only remains for the same court to unfurl the mantle of charity, and the paragraph quoted above is the incentive to the act.

Schley and Dewey and Miles have come into their own, and for Sampson the people will have a place which was earned by "a long life of concentrated duty;" they will consider that the fortunes of war are problematical, and that a usually sound judgment was darkened by a desire to obtain an honor which was not all his. Ambition may be forgiven, zeal should never be punished and selfishness sometimes may be condoned. This is one of the times, and extensive charity demands that the burden of faults incurred since July 3, 1898, be ascribed to the failing of "the brain that is tired beyond ever being rested."

## NO NEW LIGHT ON ANARCHISM.

The recent talk in the United States Senate on the subject of assassination and anarchism did not develop any large quantity of wisdom. Senator Hoar's proposal to have all the great governments unite in establishing a penal colony on some ocean island to which all anarchists shall be banished and permitted to work out their crazy theory among themselves, may be dismissed at once as more in the nature of a jest than a serious foundation for legislation. No country governed by law could banish people merely for their opinions, short of an overt act of crime. When crime is committed, whether by an anarchist, democrat, republican, liberal or conservative, all the nations have already laws amply capable of dealing with it.

The same may be said of Senator McComas's proposals of international agreements for the punishment of domestic and the extradition of foreign anarchists. In its extreme, anarchism is as complete a jumble of hair-brained nonsense as ever took possession of a crazy mind. Some of those who entertain the doctrine are as mild-mannered men as one could find in a Sunday school. They would not hurt a fly, and they maintain that their gospel and theirs alone is the only one known to man which absolutely interdicts all violence whatsoever by government or by individuals. They are absolutely harmless. But a doctrine, while harmless in the minds of those who are harmless themselves, may be dangerous in the minds of those who are not. Let a man who is in pursuit of a crocheted shirt, and who has that all authority and all power, let him have the usual treatment and he will get sour on the

world, so sour as to care nothing for his own life, let him secretly grieve over his hard luck, and he is very apt to revenge himself upon the world by such an assassination as that of Czolgosz. He strikes, not because he entertains a foolish philosophy in his brain, but because he is a murderer, and he murders a public man as his first victim, merely because he has had no serious quarrel with a private one.

His crime is detestable, but his opinions are only foolish. We have not yet come to the point of hanging fools.

Now when does the fool become the criminal whom the law can reach? When his folly drives him to the actual criminal act; or when he incites others to commit crimes? But we already have ample law for either case. There is no state in the Union whose legislation does not provide full punishment for assault or murder, and Judge Gary's decision in the celebrated Haymarket riot cases at Chicago makes participants criminals in every crime of violence all those who provoked by advice in private or public speech or by writing, the commission of the act, and this decision applies equally to all the states.

Senator Hoar dreadingly confessed that none of the measures proposed would have prevented the assassination of the presidents heretofore murdered, and none of them would save presidential lives in the future, as the fear of punishment can have no deterrent force against murderers who care nothing for their own lives. Indeed, in the whole controversy on the subject, in and out of congress, there has not been more than one suggestion of the slightest preventive value, and that is that we take better care of our presidents when they go abroad. This is a matter for the presidents themselves to look after, rather than congress. So long as they continue to indulge in the absurd and vulgar hand-shaking levees the assassins will be afforded every possible opportunity to kill them.

MISS SUSAN B. ANTHONY, whose home is in Rochester, N. Y., but whose name is known to the people the world over as "the emancipator of women," whatever that may mean, has been saying some "right pert" things lately, among the most sensible of which are her comments on the large decrease in the number of marriages in her home city for the year 1901. She says:

"I think one reason for the decrease is the enlarged intelligence of women. In the old days women were married at 16, and until they arrived at 40 their one aim seemed to be to give birth to a child every year. The heyday of their lives was spent in hopeless toil and worry, and they became old long before their time. What this world needs are fewer children, and these better taken care of and better born and bred."

"A woman who marries a man and finds that he is a drunkard or a wicked man is committing one of the worst sins against society if she continues to live with that man. One of the greatest crimes is bringing children into the world under such circumstances. The woman should get a divorce."

OH ZEWADSKI some powerski ze giftski gie us, to see ourselveski as others see uski. It waski from money a blunderiski free us, and foolish notionski. Don't it, Zewadski.

With two members of the presidents cabinet registering from Iowa, and with Carrie Nation making Goo-Goo-eyes at another man from the same state there seems to be a danger that the man from Ohio will eventually disappear, but he won't.

## What Is The Effect Of Fool Songs?

It is when the popular heart is fired by the martial spirit and embattled armies lie glowering at each other that you measure the pulse beats of a nation by a song. Some thinkers go so far as to say that the mental and moral fiber of a people can be judged by the favorite songs of the soldiers in the field and on the concert stage in time of war.

Are the thousand and one coon songs and the maudlin topical love songs that don't mean to be humorous, and the would-be heroic songs intended to glorify the army and navy, but which inspire feeling quite the reverse of patriotic, evidences of our moral perversion as well as of a perverted taste?

Would it have taken the type of British soldier who sang "Annie Laurie" in the trenches at Sebastopol as long to conquer the Boers as it is taking his grandson to do the job to the tune of "E's a Bloomin' Gay Bloke?" Or would it have taken the type of American soldier who sang "Lorena" around the camp fire in the Wilderness as long to bag Aguinaldo as it is taking his son to "pacificate" the insurgent Filipinos to rag-time music? Or would it have taken as many of him?

In other words, do fool songs and degeneracy go together? Do our soldiers fight as they sing? Are we perverts and weaklings compared with a generation that loved more national music. Is our "advanced civilization" any better than its songs? Is Joseph Chamberlain a statesman on the "If You've Got No Money, You Needn't Come Around" order, and is our Hay diplomacy of the "I Guess I'll have to Telegraph My Baby" brand?

It is all very funny, when you come to think about it philosophically. Even Queen Victoria had an opportunity to appreciate the humor of it not long since. While the Guards' band was playing on the terrace at Windsor, England's queen was completely carried away by a particular melody, and sent a maid of honor to ask the name of it. Back came the maid of honor, with her blushes thick. Dropping her eyelashes and the proper courtesy, she gulped out: "Come Where the Booze is Cheaper," your majesty."

## Cossack Cradle Song.

(From the Russian of Lermontoff.)

Sleep, my child, my little darling, sleep, I sing to thee, Sleep, my child, my little darling, sleep, I sing to thee. Sleep, my child, my pretty darling, sleep, I sing to thee.

Lo, I see the day approaching when the warriors meet; Then thou wilt grasp thy rifle, mount thy charger fleet, I will bolder in thy saddle colors fair to see, Sleep, my child, my little darling, sleep, I sing to thee.

Then my Cossack boy, my hero brave and proud and gay, Waves one farewell to his mother and rides far away, Oh, what sorrow, pain and anguish then my soul shall fill, As I pray by day and night that god will keep them still!

Thou shalt take a saint's pure image to the battlefield, Look upon it when thou prayest. May it be thy shield, And when battles fierce are raging, give one thought to me, Sleep, my darling, calmly, sweetly sleep, I sing to thee.

—H. F. in Westminster Gazette.

## GOINGS ON IN FLORIDA.

L. J. Lester, chief under-sheriff at Tampa has been retired.

The Presbyterian church of Tampa is in the midst of a revival.

Congressman Sparkman visited Gainesville one day last week.

Gainesville is preparing for a carnival and street show and conchee-couchee.

Rear-Admiral Miller, U. S. N., retired, is the guest of a DeLand boarding house.

The Bynum brick factory at Lake City uncovered its first kiln of 130,000 brick last week.

Governor Jennings is again at Tallahassee. He hung his Christmas sock on a Brooksville bed post.

There are a few men in the state who have not yet been commissioned by the governor as notary public.

Farmers about McIntosh are sowing large areas in oats. Truckers are preparing their tomato-seed beds.

The total debt of Florida is \$1,032,500, and there is cash on hand of \$303,569.77. This is the treasurer's report.

Orlando will give a Charity Ball for the benefit of the Church Home and Hospital on the evening of February 6th.

Rev. G. H. Northrup, Methodist, of Fruitland Park has just been given a donation of \$30 and a whole raft of provisions.

The Yalaha & Western Rail Road is now being graded through Yalaha town. Of course everybody knows where Yalaha is.

The winter schedule over the Florida East Coast R'y. goes into effect January 15th. There will be three trains daily each way.

That man Zewadski of Ocala has had more advertising lately than hewaski entitled to by reason of his bad breakski. Don't it?

E. O. Sels, a well-known citizen of Plant City, was accidentally shot while with a hunting party last week. He will probably die.

Ground has been broken at Lake City for the erection of the new union passenger station. The brick and other material is on the ground.

Rev. J. B. Ley, formerly of Tampa, is now living at Tallahassee, where he is the presiding elder of that district in the Methodist church.

The high water of the past two weeks in the rivers and creeks above Pensacola has damaged lumbermen greatly by scattering their logs all over the woods.

Nine hundred and thirty-five state convicts were turned over to the Florida Naval Stores company, in Citrus county, on January 1st by the state authorities.

W. B. Dawson prominent wine merchant of Jacksonville has just purchased the lot at the corner of Hogan and Forsyth, opposite the government building, for \$50,000. The lot is 105 feet square.

The cigar factory of M. J. Castro & Co., at Tampa was destroyed by fire on the 31st prox. A large quantity of fine cigars and many bales of Cuban tobacco went up in smoke of which no one got any good. The fire originated from a defective flue.



# Inventory Sale!

## FOR 30 DAYS.

Just completed inventorying the Stock of Two Stores, and in order to make room for a large Stock of Spring Goods, I have marked some goods at Cost.

2 Lots Men's Overcoats	Worth \$12.00	Now \$10.00
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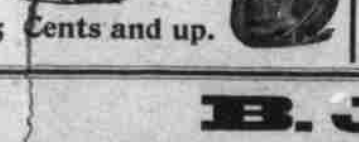
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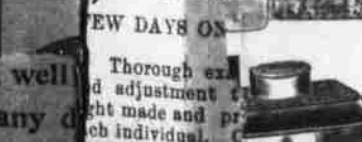
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